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MARILYN HOLLAND NAMED APHIS' CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2008--Marilyn Holland has been selected as the chief information officer (CIO) and director of the information technology division for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

"Marilyn brings a wealth of knowledge in the information technology arena," said APHIS administrator, Cindy Smith. "Her role as CIO is central to APHIS' commitment to operational excellence and I'm very excited to have her on board."

In her new role, Holland is responsible for providing leadership related to the agency's information technology planning, design, application development, systems administration, telecommunications, security and information management and customer support services.

Holland joined APHIS as its deputy CIO in 2006 and has served as acting CIO since February 2008. Prior to joining APHIS, Holland was the chief of the program planning and management division in USDA's office of the chief information officer (OCIO) where she was responsible for Clinger-Cohen Act initiatives including information technology (IT) capital planning and investment control, enterprise architecture, IT workforce planning and project management. While in OCIO, Holland also served on temporary management details as the associate CIO for IT management and the chief of the information management division. She served on a detail to the Office of Management and Budget in 2003 as a policy analyst responsible for the IT portfolios of the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services.

Holland has also worked in the area of IT management at USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now Farm Service Agency) and in the area of budgeting and financial management at USDA's Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development).

Holland obtained her bachelor of arts in history and her masters in business administration from Georgetown University and holds a project management certification from the Project Management Institute. She received a Federal Computer Week Fed 100 Award in 2001 for her work in information technology management.

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